

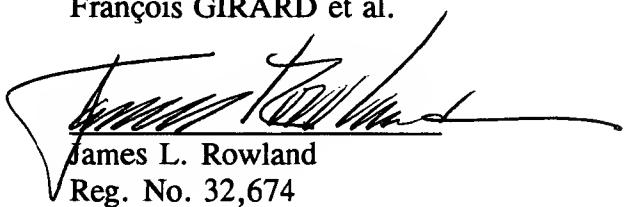
**REMARKS**

Entry of the amendment above is requested prior to examination on the merits of the instant application.

This amendment is being filed concurrently with Applicants' reply to the Examiner's restriction requirement dated May 14, 2003.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number given below.

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**MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDMENT**

16. (Amended) A sole according to claim 1, wherein the reinforcement has a sandwich structure having a thickness less than or equal to 3 mm.